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**FOR: VERTICAL REFUSE INCINERATOR FOR INCINERATING WASTES AND
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached, together with a copy of a European Search Report issued in the corresponding European patent application.

Please note that the reference, JP2002-243127 A, was already submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 15, 2003. Therefore, a copy is not enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance. A check is attached hereto which covers the \$ 180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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